

HONORING DR. WINT HUN AS A
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Dr. Wint Hun of La Cañada Flintridge, California.

Wint was born in Chauk, an isolated area of Myanmar. Wint's hero and mentor, her father, was a medical doctor who worked in an underserved area and encouraged her to become a physician who would have a positive effect on the community she served. After he passed away, her family moved to Yangon, Myanmar where her mother, now a single parent, raised her and her sister. After her high school graduation, with a firm resolve to follow in her father's footsteps and become a physician, Wint enrolled at the University of Medicine in Yahgon, one of the oldest medical schools in South East Asia, and obtained her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree.

After Wint graduated, she moved to the United States and continued her studies. She finished her residency in Internal Medicine at NYU Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, and then moved to Southern California, where she completed her Infectious Diseases Fellowship at the University of California, Irvine.

Board-certified in Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine, Dr. Hun treats patients in her office and at Adventist Health Glendale, University of Southern California (USC) Verdugo Hills Hospital and Methodist Hospital in Arcadia. Believing that everyone deserves kindness and respect, Wint cares for her patients as she would for her own family, listening to their needs and finding a solution together.

When coronavirus became a world-wide pandemic, it struck at the core of Dr. Hun's specialty as an Infectious Disease physician. From the outset of the pandemic, Dr. Hun's fearlessness and expertise emboldened USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's team, giving them courage to battle the healthcare crisis. She was also an indispensable resource to the Infection Prevention team, as it developed rapid isolation and testing protocols to keep patients and staff safe. Dr. Hun is thankful for the opportunity to help so many people and is especially honored to be part of USC Verdugo Hills Hospital's outstanding care team.

Dr. Hun and her husband, Victor Chan live in La Cañada Flintridge, and they enjoy traveling, gardening, and spending time with friends and family.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Dr. Wint Hun.

IN RECOGNITION OF PEGGY
SENER

HON. ANN M. KUSTER

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KUSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer my sincere gratitude to Peggy Senter on the occasion of her retirement as the founding president of Concord Community Music School.

For nearly four decades, Peggy has provided a place for students to learn, grow, and create. Concord Community Music School leads numerous music programs designed to build a sense of community by offering classes for all ages, musical abilities, and backgrounds. Through Peggy's energetic leadership, Concord Community Music School continues to expand services and be recognized nationally for its innovative and well managed programs.

On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District and all those who have been impacted by Peggy's vision, I thank her for her incredible service and congratulate her on all she has accomplished. I wish Peggy the best of luck in her new chapter and look forward to our continued work together to make New Hampshire an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

HONORING DEMARKO WALKER AS
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor DeMarko Walker as Iowan of the Week. Haircuts can make you feel refreshed, like a new and improved version of yourself. At East High School in Des Moines, it can also signify you're on the right path. DeMarko Walker has volunteered his time at the school since 2019 in order to reward select students who are showing initiative when it comes to their education with free haircuts.

DeMarko is a barber at a local barbershop in Des Moines, Universal Kutz. DeMarko was looking to use his passion for cutting hair as a way to give back to the community that has helped him to become the person he is today. Haircuts boost a lot of people's self-confidence and make everybody feel good, so he teamed up with East High School in Des Moines to create a program for students to get free haircuts.

DeMarko explained his pop-up barbershop was created for students who show progress in areas such as attendance, achievement, and social interactions. Since implementing this measure, East High School has seen improvements on a case-by-case basis: improved attendance for targeted classes, improved achievement for targeted classes, more connectivity with the school, and healthier interactions with both adults and peers.

Education is the foundation of so many of our communities and shapes our future as a nation. I want to thank DeMarko for everything he is doing in the community to make it a bet-

ter place to live and learn. I commend his creative initiatives at East High School. I will continue to fight in Congress to support our youth and one of the best ways to do that is to support community members like DeMarko. It is my pleasure to recognize DeMarko Walker as Iowan of the Week.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS
GOULD

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, my colleague JARED HUFFMAN and I rise to honor the late Phyllis Gould, one of the Bay Area Rosie the Riveters whose work was essential for the United States and its allies to win the war. Phyllis passed away on July 20, 2021, just shy of her 100th birthday on October 7. We had the honor and pleasure to work with Phyllis on legislation that recognizes the immense contributions the Rosies have made to history.

Phyllis Mickey Gould was born at Camp Lewis, now Fort Lewis, Washington. Her father served in the Army for 30 years and received a Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service in France during World War I. Back during that time, Phyllis liked to explain, women didn't plan a career at an early age, instead they learned to cook and sew and were expected to marry young and raise a family. World War II changed that. Men were drafted to fight the war, leaving the jobs building ships, planes and munitions vacant. More than ten million women nationwide stepped in. In July 1942, Phyllis became one of the first six women welders at Kaiser shipyards in Richmond, California. Soon she was followed by her two sisters who became a draftsman and a welder and by her mother who became a painter. The Richmond shipyard built a record 747 cargo ships. Phyllis worked as a welder until the end of the war.

The Rosies were iconized by a poster by Howard Miller which ironically didn't become famous until 40 years after its creation. It's a poster of a young woman with a polka dot bandana, rolling up her denim shirt sleeve, flexing her bicep and exclaiming "We Can Do It!" Miller was hired by Westinghouse Company's War Production Coordinating Committee in 1942 to create a series of posters of inspirational images to boost worker morale. It was displayed only to Westinghouse employees in the Midwest for two weeks in 1943 and then disappeared. In the 1980s it was rediscovered, labeled Rosie the Riveter and became a symbol for American feminism.

For Phyllis, the Rosies never received the recognition they deserved, so she made it her life's mission to change that and this is how my colleagues and I came to know her. She was laser focused, feisty and tenacious. She emphatically stated, "The military could not have done what it did without what we did! Every item they needed to succeed—a woman helped produce!" Her ultimate dream was to have a National Rosie Holiday, a plaque at veterans memorials across the country, a statue on the Washington Mall, an annual special commemorative coin, and a ticker tape parade down 5th Avenue in New York. You see, Phyllis always aimed high. For her personally, she

said, she wanted to be able to say on her gravestone: Mission Accomplished!

While she didn't accomplish everything on her ambitious dream list, she accomplished a lot in her decades of advocacy for these war heroes. In 2014, she and five other Rosies were invited to the White House and met with President Obama and then-Vice President Biden, even snatching a hug from him. Congressman HUFFMAN carried, and I cosponsored, a bill that designated March 21 as Rosie the Riveter Day during Women's History Month. It has to be renewed each year, but we do have a national holiday, thanks in large part to Phyllis' work. I carried, and Congressman HUFFMAN cosponsored, the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act which was signed into law in December 2020. The U.S. mint is now in the process of designing the medal and Phyllis was deeply involved in sharing her design ideas with the mint.

In 2019, Phyllis and two fellow Rosies traveled to France for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. In a letter to Senator SCHUMER, she wrote that the people of France honored their work with parades, a banquet, gifts and a medal. In 2000, The Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park opened its doors in Richmond, due to the advocacy of Phyllis and her fellow Rosies.

Madam Speaker, Phyllis Gould never stopped fighting for the Rosies and she refused to take no for an answer. She was fiercely independent. She lived alone in her apartment and drove a stick shift truck up until a few days before she fell ill at 99. She proudly displayed photos of herself with the President and Vice President and Members of Congress. She didn't have a computer or cell phone, but she made countless phone calls from her landline and wrote countless handwritten letters to federal and state elected officials to plead for proper recognition of these war heroes. In our book, she has permission to write Mission Accomplished on her gravestone.

HONORING DAISY DE LA TORRE AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

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A life-long resident of Elysian Valley, Daisy attended Immaculate Heart High School and in 1917, obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University of San Francisco. In 1918, she began her vocation as a nurse at Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital.

As a labor and delivery nurse, Daisy has been an essential frontline worker with coronavirus patients throughout the entire pandemic. New life is normally celebrated daily in her unit, however due to the coronavirus, un-

certainty and anxiety developed in this unit, as expectant mothers were occasionally compelled to experience their babies' births alone. In some instances, due to the mothers' COVID-19 positive status, mothers were separated from their babies after they were born. Ms. De La Torre stepped up to the challenge, working overtime as needed and consistently providing kindness, comfort, and compassion to those under her care, often substituting for absent family members, while concurrently welcoming new lives as so many lives were lost nationwide.

When Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) became scarce at the hospital, Daisy contacted local Elysian Valley businesses, nonprofits, and friends, such as Waxpaper, LA Mas and Suay Sew Shop who quickly responded with donations of locally made masks for hospital staff, as well as for family members and neighbors. Daisy's leadership extended beyond obtaining PPE and she worked with LA Mas, a nonprofit organization to provide food to families in need in the Elysian Valley area during the pandemic.

Daisy was one of the first group of frontline workers to receive a first dose of COVID-19 vaccine in December of 2020, and has been a strong advocate for vaccine awareness, assisting in this effort through social media platforms and scheduling vaccine appointments. She is grateful for the opportunity to help people through nursing and for the many blessings in her life.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Daisy De La Torre.

HONORING THE LIFE AND MILITARY SERVICE OF EUGENE S. KOLUPSKI

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 26, 2021

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of World War II veteran, Eugene S. Kolupski, who was laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery today, July 26, 2021. Eugene was born on August 23, 1924, and passed away peacefully at his home in Encino, California, at the age of 94 on July 5, 2019.

During the Second World War, Eugene was a part of the 885th Heavy Bombardment Squadron of the United States Army Air Forces. He served in eight campaigns, including Northern France, Southern France, North Apennines, Po Valley, Balkans, Rome-Arno, Naples-Foggia, and the Rhineland. For his valiant military service, Eugene was awarded one Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, and a Presidential Distinguished Unit Emblem with an Oak Leaf Cluster, among other medals. Before he passed, he was also presented the French Legion of Honor Medal by the French Government, France's highest honor.

The 885th Heavy Bombardment Squadron, despite its name, never dropped a single bomb during the war. While under the command of the 15th Air Force, its missions were often top secret. They were often tasked with dropping Office of Strategic Service agents behind enemy territory and dispersing weap-

ons and supplies to the French and Italian resistance. In preparation for the D-Day landings, the squadron placed agents behind enemy lines to obtain information on German installations and scout glider landing areas. They flew modified B-17 Flying Fortresses and B-24 Liberators that were painted black to better blend in during night missions. Since all of their operations were flown at unusually low altitudes, the 885th suffered some of the heaviest losses during the war.

Eugene is survived by his wife Delores (Taroni), his children, Thomas and his wife, Tamara, of Seabrook, Texas; Corinne Ginett and her husband, James, of Sodus Point, New York; Joseph of Encino, California; Ann Marie Porretta of Webster, New York, his seven grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

Madam Speaker, I honor Eugene S. Kolupski as one of the last members of the Greatest Generation. His faithful service to our country will not be forgotten, and my heartfelt prayers remain with his family and friends.

RECOGNITION OF AMBASSADOR ELIN SULEYMANOV

HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the diplomatic tour of Ambassador Elin Suleymanov of Azerbaijan. Since regaining independence in 1991, Azerbaijan has faced ethnic and geopolitical opposition, imperiling its independence and democracy. Ambassador Suleymanov—one of the longest-serving ambassadors in Washington—has served as a force of peace and diplomacy in the region, working honorably to advance prosperity and enhance the U.S. relationship with Azerbaijan. We congratulate him as the U.S. and Azerbaijan will mark 30 years of diplomatic relations next year.

Before his diplomatic tour, he was the first Azerbaijani to graduate from the University of Toledo in 1994 as a part of the U.S.-funded Muskie Fellowship. In 2004, Ambassador Suleymanov became the first Azerbaijani to receive the Master of Law and Diplomacy degree from the Fletcher School at Tufts University. Following his academic pursuits, he served as Azerbaijan's first Consul General in Los Angeles, establishing the nation's diplomatic presence on the West Coast.

Ambassador Suleymanov's personal concern for Azerbaijan inspired his concerted advocacy for the refugee crisis. Before joining diplomatic service, he worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, providing care and protection to the thousands of people displaced by the three-decades-long Armenia Azerbaijan conflict.

Additionally, Ambassador Suleymanov has a special partnership with the State of Texas. The Ambassador is especially fond of the City of Laredo and has helped establish educational partnerships between TAMU and universities in Azerbaijan. He has visited Laredo for the Washington Birthday Celebration more frequently than any other ambassador accredited in Washington, and he has a special appreciation for Laredo's own Palenque Grill.

I am pleased to congratulate Ambassador Suleymanov on decades of building a strong